

CLAIMS

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is as follows:

- 1 1. A printer capable of having any of a plurality
2 of toners installed in a print engine thereof, said
3 printer including
4 a developer unit,
5 a switch settable to a state corresponding to a
6 particular said toner, and
7 a communication path connectable to a feedback
8 link extending from said printer to a supporting
9 data processor.
- 1 2. A printer as recited in claim 1, wherein said
2 communication path includes an AFCCU.
- 1 3. A printer as recited in claim 1, wherein said
2 printer includes a customer changeable developer
3 feature.
- 1 4. A printer as recited in claim 3, wherein said
2 customer changeable developer feature is enabled or
3 disabled in accordance a setting of said switch.
- 1 5. A printer as recited in claim 1, wherein said
2 switch is associated with said developer unit.

1 6. A printer as recited in claim 1, further
2 including means for limiting user access to said
3 switch.

1 7. A printer as recited in claim 6 wherein said
2 means for limiting access is a removable panel.

1 8. A computer controlled printer system including
2 a data processor,
3 a printer capable of having any of a plurality
4 of toners loaded therein, and
5 a dedicated processor connecting and
6 selectively communicating between said data
7 processor and said printer,
8 said printer including means for selectively
9 storing and communicating data corresponding to a
10 said toner to said dedicated processor and forming a
11 portion of a feedback link extending to said data
12 processor.

1 9. A system as recited in claim 8, wherein said
2 printer includes a customer changeable developer
3 feature.

1 10. A system as recited in claim 9, wherein said
2 customer changeable developer feature is enabled or
3 disabled in accordance with said data.

1 11. A system as recited in claim 8, wherein said
2 means for selectively storing includes a switch is
3 associated with said developer unit.

1 12. A system as recited in claim 8, further
2 including means for limiting user access to said
3 switch.

1 13. A system as recited in claim 12 wherein said
2 means for limiting access is a removable panel.

1 14. A method of operating a computer controlled
2 printing system including steps of
3 installing a toner in a connected printer,
4 storing data corresponding to said toner in
5 said printer, and
6 communicating said data corresponding to said
7 toner to a supporting processor through a dedicated
8 processor for routing data to said printer.

1 15. A method as recited in claim 14, wherein said
2 storing step includes setting of a switch.